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Greetings

I wanted to reach out to you and your teams to provide a status update on the EPA evaluation of NPL deferral of the Anaconda site and the outlook for the coming weeks. Because the Agency published the "Spring" update to the NPL on August 3, there are currently no plans for an NPL update in September 2017. Therefore, we are now focused on working with all interested parties on relevant documents during the month of September.

We have received comments from the State (on Aug 10) and both the Yerington Paiute Tribe (on Aug 30) and Walker River Paiute Tribe (on Aug 29) on the draft 3 way Tribal MOUs with EPA.

We have also received the State's markup of the proposed deferral agreement (on Aug 29) and the State's response (on Aug 28) to our comments on the IAOC and associated documents. We received comments from Yerington Paiute Tribe (on Aug 30) and Walker River Paiute Tribe (on Sep 6) on these documents. We are reviewing these responses and comments.

As you know, formal consultation on the Tribal/EPA/NDEP MOUs and other documents supporting the potential deferral of Anaconda listing is a critical component of meeting Agency policies and our trust responsibility to the Yerington Paiute Tribe and the Walker River Paiute Tribe.

We are committed to working through the issues that remain as part of our evaluation of potential NPL deferral for Anaconda. We hope to have substantive discussions with all parties before September 30th.

Please contact me or Angeles Herrera if you have any questions or concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

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